

Paul and Rita Crespín

June 27th, 2022

Honorable Judge Grooms,
Fremont County Combined Courts
Cañon City, CO 81212

RE: Isaac Montoya, Case Number: 22CR32 HEARING: JULY 5, 2022 AT 3 PM

Your Honor,

Our names are Paul Crespín and Rita Crespín. We are the parents of Xavier Montoya and Isaac Montoya.

On January 22, 2022, my 41-year-old son Isaac Montoya attacked and tried to kill my 43-year-old son Xavier Montoya. Isaac stabbed Xavier a total of 11 times. The police documented 8 times, but the hospital discovered 11 stab wounds. He had two stab wounds to his chest, one to the lung, 4 to the face, a slash on his arm and the rest on his back. Xavier lost a lot of blood and very nearly died. Paul, Xavier's stepfather, arrived after the assault had taken place and rushed him to the emergency room as Xavier was losing a large amount of blood and barely able to walk. Xavier was airlifted, via Flight for Life, to Colorado Springs and spent 6 days in ICU. The day following the incident, surgeons operated on his face to repair the damage. He had a tube to his lung until his lung healed. Xavier is doing better physically, however emotionally he is still struggling.

Isaac was charged with Attempted Murder in the 2nd Degree, Criminal Attempt, Criminal Trespass 1st Degree. The DA's office is offering a Plea Deal of a Deferred Sentence with probation without consulting the victim and the family regarding our feelings of this sentencing. DA Drake advised me after Court that the decision was not ours but the attorneys and the Court. The Public Defender's office was pursuing and effort to secure a competency exam. We are fearful and concerned that now that a plea agreement is on the table, they probably will not continue with that effort.

My son, Isaac Montoya, was diagnosed with Paranoid Schizophrenia since he was 15 years old. Our family has done everything possible to help care for Isaac. However, Isaac has refused to stay on his medications. He is violent, delusional, has auditory and visual hallucinations and we have not been able to keep him on his medications. He is currently in the Fremont County Detention Center awaiting sentencing. Our family requested that he be ordered to do a Competency Evaluation and hopefully be placed in the State Hospital in Pueblo for observation, evaluation, medication and hopefully stay in this facility for as long as is necessary.

Deputy DA Elizabeth Drake doesn't show any interest in what our family has gone through over the years with Isaac.

This possibility of probation frightens all our family. We are worried what will happen if/when he gets out. We disposed of all his weapons after his arrest. That included upwards of 40 knives, machetes etc... but he can always get more. He has

threatened all of us over the years. We have called the police numerous times over the years. Currently, while in jail he is on double the usual dose of medication. But who will keep him on medication if/when he gets out? Not the DA or the PD. The DA is so willing to dump this on a probation officer, with a case load of 100 or more people, who will see him twice a month and attempt to get him to do an evaluation, therapy and take medications? We have dealt with him long enough to know that strategy will fail.

This is not his first violent offense, and we are concerned that it will not be his last. He has had several over the years. However, DA Elizabeth Drake shows no concern for the victims or Isaacs's wellbeing sufficient to seek the help he needs.

Who will be his next victim or victims? Prior to this incident, he advised me several times that he was going to kill his ex-girlfriend and they will never find the body. I was on the phone with Canon City Police Department several times last summer with concerns for her safety and his. Prior to this incident he was arrested for threatening someone with a Machete. He was given a PR Bond. How can that kind of behavior be ignored and who will be culpable when something tragic happens.

We love both our sons, and we are not choosing sides. However, we have lived in fear for many years. Fearful that Isaac was going to hurt himself or someone else. Every time that we heard about another school, church, or store mass shooting we would discuss whether Isaac was capable of such action. He has now proven that he is. My son Isaac needs help. Please do not allow a Probation Sentence. Putting him out in the community on probation is not only setting him up for failure, because he has proven he will not stay on his medications but is also placing him, his family, and other innocent person(s) in this community in danger.

How many times do we need beg and plea for help before meaningful action is taken? My son Xavier was stabbed 11 times, almost bled to death while Isaac bragged to the arresting police that he "hoped he killed him." There is so much more to this tragic story.

We respectfully implore, please do not wait to serve justice after a fatal tragedy as occurred.

Sincerely,
Rita Lobato Crespin
Paul Crespin

Cc: District Attorney, Elizabeth Drake Public Defender, Adam Tunic